

COLORED SOLDIER IS REFUSED FOOD IN WESTERN CITY.

Manhattan, Kansas.
An Open Letter to the Editor of the Manhattan Mercury.

This morning, about 2 o'clock, I entered the restaurant just across from the Manhattan railroad station. I had just returned from Omaha. The man on duty there refused to serve me. "We don't serve colored trade," he said. "That's news to me," I replied. Then I said to him: "You refuse to serve me at your lunch counter because I am a colored man, and I am a soldier of seventeen years' service for your country and mine. I am one of the protectors of your business. Besides, I have a legal right to be served here. Conditions are pretty rotten when such a thing as has happened to me is possible." He answered not a word. Then I walked out into the cool of the night and looked at the stars of high heaven.

Let me repeat it, "Conditions are pretty rotten when such a thing as this is possible." Why should a man talk Democracy and not practice it? Had this man been truly American he could not have refused to serve a colored American in his restaurant. Had he been purely patriotic he would have considered himself and his business honored by serving a soldier. Even though that soldier be an American Negro. Legally, as we know, a restaurant is a public and not a private institution. Then it is unlawful when such a place refuses to serve therein any part of the public. The human side of it is that hunger should make the whole world kin. A hungry dog deserves a bone; a hungry man deserves more. A hungry soldier—what does he deserve? He deserves to be made welcome while he eats. The Christian side of it is, I came hungry (requesting bread to sustain the body) but was refused food. I came thirsty (asking for a glass of butter-milk) but was given no drink. Liberty, where art thou? (Echo answers, "For the Negro in America, I am a lie and the truth is not in me.") How long will these things be? (Echo asks, "HOW LONG?")

LUCIEN B. WATKINS,
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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us at the death of our father, Thomas Schumacher, Sr., who departed this life Friday, March 8, especially Miss Abbie Bonnett, Mrs. Jennie Goins, Melvina Williams and others.

Mattie Porter,
Alice Davis,
Mildred Dunn, daughters,
Henry Schumacher,
Samuel H. Schumacher,
Willis P. Schumacher,
Nathaniel Schumacher,
Thos. E. Schumacher, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM.

Dedicated in loving memory of Robert Fitzgerald, my beloved husband, who departed this life, March 15th, 1918.

No earthly clinging, no lingering gaze
No strife at parting, no sore amaze;
But sweetly, gently, he passed away
From the world's dim twilight to endless day.

'Tis slumber to the weary
'Tis rest to the forlorn
'Tis shelter to the dreary
'Tis peace amid the storm.

'Tis entrance to our home
'Tis passage to that God
Who bids His children come
When their weary course is trod.

Lovingly
Mrs. Robert Wilson Fitzgerald,
wife.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of our darling sister, mother and auntie, Mrs. Carrie Maddox, who departed this life seven years ago March 11, 1911.

Do not ask us if we miss her,
Oh, there's such a vacant place,
Oft we think we hear her footstep
Or we see her smiling face.

Tho' she left us broken hearted,
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow,
That's within our hearts concealed.

Sadly missed by Mrs. Eva Campbell,
of Idaho, sister; Master Osborn Maddox, son; Master Joe and Haskell Campbell, nephews.

The Wheatley-Provident Volunteer Club presented to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital the following articles to be used in the diet kitchen.

1 double boiler	\$2.50
1 Tea kettle	2.00
1/2 qt. Sauce pan	.45
One 1 qt. Sauce pan	.35
One 1 qt. Sauce pan	.29
2 qt. Baking dish	.75
1 Cleaver	.98
1 Butcher Knife	.75
1 Vegetable Knife	.25
1 Mixing spoon	.23

\$8.45

Mrs. Christeen Bearmont
Mrs. C. L. Davis (President.)
Mrs. J. C. Ray, (Chairman.)

Mr. Amos Randall, 63 years of age, of 2416 Montgall avenue, passed away last Monday after a long illness and was buried from the residence Wednesday at 2 p. m., under the auspices of Rone Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., and John Lange Lodge No. 66, K. of P. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. James Green, assisted by Rev. Drs. Thomas and Bacote. He leaves only a widow as relatives, but a host of friends to mourn his loss.

AMONG THE CHURCHES**THE BAPTIST "PEACE COMMISSION" TO SIT IN MEMPHIS.**

Peace sentiment has become so strong that the leaders are now putting into action the desires of the people. Commissions from both sides have been appointed as follows:

From the Morris side: Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. L. K. Williams, D. D., 521 East 33rd St., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. A. R. Griggs, D. D., Dallas, Texas; Rev. Joseph A. Booker, D. D., Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., Augusta, Ga.; Rev. W. H. Moses, D. D., 666 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. From the Jones side: Rev. D. B. Gaines, D. D., Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. Geo. W. Alexander, D. D., Vicksburg, Miss.; Rev. John W. Hulse, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. E. W. Bowen, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C.; Rev. J. L. Harding, D. D., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Another commission has been appointed, composed of leading men of the Southern Baptist Convention (white) who will sit with the colored brethren. Here is an array of brains and intelligence that ought to impress one with the possibility of a task well done. The Peace Commission will meet in Memphis, Tenn., March 19, 1918.

EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH.

All services were well attended Sunday; as usual the spiritual and financial spirit holds sway. One addition and eighteen persons admitted to full membership. The second report of the two cents a day, to be reported every two weeks, was made Tuesday night, total \$72.00. The Improvement Board lead with \$29.70.



Dr. M. L. Flynn, the loyal and energetic assistant of Dr. Theodore Smith, in the DRUG STORE BEAUTIFUL, at 18th and Tracy. Dr. Flynn is a genial and pleasant person to meet and is withal dignified and courteous at all times. To know him is to like him.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT—MARCH 29, 1918**AT EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH****"THE CRUCIFIXION"**

will be rendered by the Choir consisting of fifty voices. This is one of the greatest oratorios, portraying the sufferings, death and resurrection of Christ, written. Dr. Radford, chorister, is leaving no efforts unturned to make this the greatest rendition yet given at Ebenezer.

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REV. W. T. OSBORNE, - PASTOR

Mrs. Lulu Bass reported the largest individual amount to the Club. Class 3 reported \$9.96, class 12, \$7.28. Mrs. Cora Stevenson and the president, Mrs. Ethel Kemp, worked hard to lead the Improvement Board to victory. Classes 3, 5, 6, 14 reported \$5.00 and over; classes 10, 7, 13, 18 lead the Art Club to victory. Classes 6, 3, 14, 19 lead the Missionaries, who made the second largest report. Miss Stella Smith reported the largest individual amount. Mrs. Bonard, Mrs. Abernathy, Brother Rather, Brother Holler and Henderson held up the banner for the Missionaries. The Usher Board was third in the report. Sister Rosa Sprangles, Bro. Joe Thompson and Bro. D. Moore lead the Usher Board to victory. Mrs. Gertrude Cooper held up Class 1 and Miss Pearl Stevenson Class 11; the pastor wants to know what is the matter with classes 4 and 16. March 24 is Quarterly Meeting at Ebenezer. The Junior Stewardess Board is alive and will be on hand at the Quarterly Meeting. Don't forget May 1. Clyde Leroy Glass, the greatest pianist of the race, will appear at Ebenezer. Prices 25c and 35c. Tickets now on sale. No tickets over seating capacity will be sold. Already one hundred patrons have secured reserved tickets at 35c. All persons purchasing 35c tickets, names will be placed on the program in the patron list. "The Crucifixion" will be rendered by a chorus of fifty voices at Ebenezer Good Friday evening, March 29.

ALLEN CHAPEL.

Dr. Wm. H. Thomas, the minister, occupied the pulpit Sunday morning and delivered an inspiring sermon from Matthew 6:6. Subject, "How to Pray." There was one addition. Following the morning service the pastor and many of his members visited the Second Baptist and joined with them in the celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. S. W. Bacote by lifting a collection of \$31.61. The joint meeting of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Kansas City, Mo., held in Allen Chapel Sunday evening, was interesting and inspiring. In the absence of Fred E. Roberts, the laboring men's evangelist, who was called to Chicago, the Hon. E. H. Lee spoke in his stead. He delivered a very forceful address in which he stated a man's life is not measured by the span of life, but by the use he makes of it. Preparations are being made for the rendition of Redemption, Prof. Jackson, director. General class was held Friday night. Sunday, March 17, is Quarterly Meeting. Rev. John L. Williams, pastor of our West Bottoms Mission, will preach Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Richard Davis of the Centennial M. E. Church will preach the Communion sermon. Come.

Kink, last Friday night, was a success.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services at the Shiloh Baptist church last Sunday were good. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. There were seven additions to the church. Rev. E. D. Rhodes, pastor. The church with a welcome.

VINE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.

All services were well attended Sunday. There were two additions. Mr. Anthony Ward has been very sick but is some better at this writing. He is at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. P. L. Blackwell, 2300 Highland Ave. We hope he will continue to improve. Mr. Warren White is also sick and we hope he will improve. The funeral of Rev. Geo. Johnson's Mother was preached Monday at 2 P. M. by our pastor. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family. The duet sang by Mrs. Gertrude Tibbs and Mrs. Addie Jones was indeed grand. We hope they will sing again in the near future.

GREENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH.

Our services were well attended; we enjoyed two excellent sermons delivered by Rev. J. W. Perkins of Muskogee, Okla. Twenty one souls were added to the kingdom. The Sunday school was well attended, also the B. Y. P. U. Solo by Miss Lula Dorman. The rally gotten up by Bro. Wm. Griffin for Mrs. Myrtle Schloss, who is giving us such splendid service as a musical directress, was a success. Our revival will close Friday night and we cordially invited you to come. Mrs. Mary Johnson, 2327 Kensington, is in a precarious condition from a paralytic stroke. The Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Francis Perce, 2925 Summit, Friday.

ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Sunday school, under the leadership of Bithia Hayes as Superintendent was well attended at 9:30 Sunday morning and had an interesting lesson. Mrs. Hayes needs praise for her splendid work as a Superintendent. At 11 A. M. by special request Dr. Hulse filled the pulpit and was greeted by a large congregation. He delivered a soul-stirring sermon from 15th Chapter of Luke and the 18th verse, taking for his subject: "Lost" or in other words "The Prodigal's son." At 2 P. M. the funeral of Robert Landfair was held under the auspices of St. Stephen's Lodge U. B. F. of which Dr. Hulse is Worshipful Master and Builders Laborers Local Union 264. Brother Landfair was a faithful member of St. Stephen, having acted janitor the past winter. He was sick a week, leaving five daughters to mourn his loss. "Love" was the subject of the evening sermon—Text "Greater love than this hath no man, that he lay down his life for a friend." There were seven additions to the church during the day. At 1 P. M. Monday the pastor preached the funeral of Brother Henry Preston, a member of St. Stephen. We are sorry to report that Mother Hulse is no better and glad to say Sister Ophelia Jones, president of the B. Y. P. U. is convalescent. Sister Marie Smallwood, one of the good members of St. Stephen and a member of the Mother Board, lies very sick with pneumonia, under the care of Dr. D. M. Miller. We are sorry to report the illness of Dr. D. M. Miller, who is confined to his bed. We hope for him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Dr. Miller is also on the sick list. Our pastor expects to move in his new home this week and will be glad to see all of his friends, especially those using the wonderful Mackey Liniment at his new address, 1205 Michigan Ave. Sunday, being the third Sunday, we are expecting great things. At three P. M. we will have an old fashioned Covenant Meeting, having Dr. Daniels and congregation as visitors. Come and enjoy a feast of love with us. The pastor is glad to shake the hands of all visitors after each service.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services Sunday morning as usual, with a large attending audience Sunday night. The pastor is still confined in his bed. Rev. Reed conducted services and preached a splendid sermon. Sunday School at 1:00 p. m. and B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. The Sunday School is doing a great work getting ready for Easter, when the children will render an excellent program, which will fill this space shortly.

JUBILEE MELODY SONG BOOK.

Some months ago there came prominently before the country the National Jubilee Melody song book. We want to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the eighth edition of this publication. It contains more than 158 songs that were originated back in the days of slavery. These songs have been collected and set to music at a great expense. Some of them originated in the rice fields of South Carolina and the cane fields of Louisiana, some in the cotton fields of Georgia and Texas, some on the tobacco plantations of Kentucky and Virginia, some in the turpentine swamps of Florida. While the jubilee songs have been sung all over the world, it is only recently that the admission has been made that they are the only real American music of today. Publisher's rights on this National Jubilee Melody Song Book were secured by the National Baptist Publishing Board, located at Nashville, Tenn., under the management of Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., who, it is

understood, was the prime mover in insisting upon the authors of the book to give it to the American public. They scored a wonderful hit when they printed a special edition to be sent to "Our boys in the camps." Their edition was covered in khaki with the American flag printed on the back. Under this flag was a remark of the noted Sergeant Carney, who, in one of the battles after being wounded, declared, "We never let it touch the ground." It might be interesting to note some of the songs that appear in the book that have been sung so often, such songs as "I ain't going to study war no more," "I've done what you told me to do," "Free at last," "Inching along," "All my sins are taken away," "I couldn't hear nobody pray," "It's me, it's me, O Lord," "My good Lord's done been here," "Swing low, sweet chariot," and a number of others too numerous to mention. Our publication wishes to thank the National Baptist Publishing Board for a special copy. We shall be glad to show it to any of our readers who may change to visit our office.

TWO POEMS.

By Roscoe C. Jamison.

SARAJEVO.

(Note—It was at Sarajevo, a town in Serbia, that the Heir Presumptive of Austria-Hungary and his wife were killed on June 28, 1914, which crime precipitated the great world-war.)

Adown the Avenue of History
I saw Fame slowly walk, as though
to seek
The home of Everlasting Memory—
Silently she passed and did not speak.

From the Beginning, where dim paths
converge,
She walked the Human-way, nor did
she pause
At massive Forums, where ghost
voices urge
Harsh mandates that flamed forth in
olden wars.

Past palaces of kings—past Art's rich
shrines,
And homes of those who wrote im-
mortal themes—
Past Monuments where fading glory
shines;
Fame passed along by these as one
who dreams.

But when she came at length to this
weird site,
By Demon hands designed, from
which had steep
The war-mad world—o'erwhelmed and
ghostly white,
Within her hands she bowed her head
and wept!

BROTHERS.

A flag fell down into the street,
And all who saw it, lemp and spent,
Ran thitherward with eager feet;
To rescue it their one intent.
Said the man who set it back a' flyin':
"You know its got a brother on the
firing line!"

A sudden joy then caught my soul,
As when the wind pulls a kite-string
hard.

It seemed I heard far war-drums roll,
Where march Black heroes, battle-
scarred.

And I ran home feeling mighty fine;
I, too, have got a brother on the firing
line!

MR. JAMISON'S POEMS.

By Benj. V. Longdon, Chillicothe, Mo.
A few weeks ago we read of Mr. Jamison's illness and the effort being made to defeat it. The news grieved his admiring friends and aroused a desire to assist him financially. A recent publication of his poems is but a challenge to that desire. We feel that the public is entitled to more information concerning where the volume is for sale and the net price.

Mr. Roscoe Jamison has many remarkable qualities of which poets are made. Ample evidence of the possession, not only of the poets' temperament, but of the poetic gift as well is contained in his poems. Some of the poems in the rare little volume will be familiar to the readers of our weekly publications. Those who have marked their beauty and power as they were thus published will be glad to have them gathered together in a single collection.

Mr. Jamison sings for his own people. His auditors are entranced by his song, even though he is young in every sense. But according to Holmes, poets are never young, in one sense. Their delicate ears hear the far-off whispers of eternity, which coarser souls must travel towards for scores of years before their dull sense is touched by them. A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience. Whether this poet is young or old in this or that sense, we deem it proper for us to pray for his speedy recovery and to buy one of his volumes if the only alternative is to sell our coat.

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